

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
Anchorage Field Office
CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION (CX) FORM

CX No.: AK-040-04-CX-009

Lease/Serial/Case File No.: AA-58198

Proposed Action Title/Types: The Proposed Action is to partially revoke Air Navigation Site (ANS) No. 151.

Location of Proposed Action: U.S. Survey No. 9708, Alaska and further described to be within Sections 30 and 31, T. 28 N., R. 9 W., Seward Meridian.

Description of Proposed Action: The Proposed Action is to partially revoke Air Navigation Site (ANS) No. 151 Withdrawal, Alaska as it affects 14.12 acres of land that was reserved for the use and benefit of the public in Patent No. 50-82-0073. The site to be partially revoked is located near Talkeetna, Alaska, and is described as U.S. Survey No. 9708, Alaska and further described to be within Sections 30 and 31, T. 28 N., R. 9 W., Seward Meridian. Leonard Kragness, on behalf of CASA Mining, Inc., the surrounding landowner, requested a review of the continuing need for this specific ANS No. 151 site. The lands were withdrawn by ANS No. 151 (Cache Creek) in January 24, 1941, under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Interior for the benefit of the Territory of Alaska, Department of Aviation now known as the State of Alaska, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (ADOT&PF). ANS No. 151 withdrew 14.12 acres for protection of the Cache Creek airstrip erected on the lands or adjacent lands, operated and maintained by the ADOT&PF. The ADOT&PF has advised us they agree this ANS site authorized by ANS No. 151 (Cache Creek) dated January 24, 1941, is no longer needed for the purpose for which it was set aside.

Applicant: Bureau of Land Management

PART I - PLAN CONFORMANCE REVIEW

This Proposed Action is subject to the following land use plan: Southcentral MFP
Date Plan Approved: March 1980

The Proposed Action has been reviewed for conformance with this plan (43 CFR 1610.5, BLM MS 1617.3).

Remarks:

PART II - NEPA REVIEW

A. Categorical Exclusion Review.

This Proposed Action qualifies as a categorical exclusion under 516 DM 2, Appendix 1. or 516 DM 6, Appendix 5.4. E(2) *Withdrawal revocations, terminations, extensions or modifications and classification terminations or modifications which do not result in*

lands being opened or closed to the general land laws or to the mining or mineral leasing laws.

B. Departmental Exceptions Review.

The following Departmental List of Exceptions apply to individual actions. Departmental instructions mandate that environmental documents MUST BE PREPARED for actions which may: (Mark applicable answer for each item. If "yes", prepare an EA/EIS and append this form to it.)

- | | YES | NO |
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| 1. Have significant adverse impacts on public health or safety. | ___ | <u>X</u> |
| 2. Have adverse effects on unique geographic characteristics, historic or cultural resources, park, recreation or refuge lands, wilderness areas, wild or scenic rivers, sole or principal drinking water aquifers, prime farmlands, wetlands, floodplains, or ecologically significant or critical areas, including those listed on the Department's National Register of Natural Landmarks. | ___ | <u>X</u> |
| 3. Have highly controversial environmental effects. | ___ | <u>X</u> |
| 4. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks. | ___ | <u>X</u> |
| 5. Establish a precedent for future actions or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects. | ___ | <u>X</u> |
| 6. Be directly related to other actions with individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant environmental effects. | ___ | <u>X</u> |
| 7. Have adverse effects on properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. | ___ | <u>X</u> |
| 8. Have adverse effects on species listed or proposed to be listed on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have adverse effects on designated critical habitat for these species. | ___ | <u>X</u> |

YES NO

9. Require compliance with Executive Order 11988 (Flood plain Management), Executive Order 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), or the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act. ___ X
10. Threaten to violate a Federal, State, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment. ___ X

I certify that none of the Departmental exceptions listed in the above Part B (516 DM 2, Appendix 2) apply to this action.

Remarks:

Preparer(s): /s/ Kathy Stubbs Date: 12-01-03

PART III – DECISION

I have reviewed this plan conformance and NEPA compliance record and have determined that the proposed project is in conformance with the approved land use plan and that no further environmental analysis is required. It is my decision to implement the project, as described, with the mitigation measures either identified below or stipulation(s) attached in this case file.

Remarks:

Authorized Official: /s/ Clinton E. Hanson, Acting Date: 12-05-03